

AIM -Super Growth w/o Trace Element

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To grow IPTG inducible expression in bacterial strains

Practical information

Applications	Categories
Protein expression	General use

Industry: Culture media for Molecular biology



Principles and uses

Auto Induction Media (AIM) was first formulated and developed by W. studier (1) to grow IPTG-inducible expression strains.

The principle of AIM is based on carbon sources in the medium that are metabolized differentially to promote high density cell growth and automatically induce protein expression from lac promoters. AIM contains glucose as well as lactose as the carbon source. A limited concentration of glucose is metabolized preferentially during growth, which prevents uptake of lactose until the glucose is depleted, usually in mid to late log phase. As the glucose is depleted, lactose can be taken up and converted by the enzyme β -galactosidase to the inducer allolactose. Allolactose causes the release of lac repressor from its specific binding sites in the DNA and thereby induces expression of T7 RNA polymerase from the lacUV5 promoter and unblocks T7lac promoters, allowing expression of target proteins by T7 RNA polymerase. With AIM media a high density cell growth is followed by a spontaneous induction of protein expression. There is no need to monitor the cell density and there is no conventional induction with IPTG.

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Formula in g/L

Glucose	0,5	Alpha-lactose	2
Ammonium sulfate	3,3	Disodium phosphate	7,1
Magnesium sulfate	0,15	Monopotassium phosphate	6,8
Tryptone	35	Yeast extract	20

Preparation

Suspend 74.85 grams of the medium in one liter of distilled water. Mix well and dissolve by heating with frequent agitation. Boil for 1 minute or until complete dissolution. Sterilize in autoclave at 115°C for 20 minutes. Mix well and dispense as wished.

Instructions for use

- Inoculate and incubate at a temperature of 35±2 °C and observed after 18-48 hours.

Quality control

Solubility	Appareance	Color of the dehydrated medium	Color of the prepared medium	Final pH (25°C)
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w/o rests

Fine powder

Beige

Amber

7,0 ± 0,1

Microbiological test

Incubation conditions: (35±2 °C / 18-48 h)

Microorganisms	Specification
Escherichia coli ATCC 23724	Good growth
Escherichia coli ATCC 33694	Good growth
Escherichia coli ATCC 33849	Good growth
Escherichia coli ATCC 39403	Good growth
Escherichia coli ATCC 47014	Good growth

Storage

Temp. Min.:2 °C

Temp. Max.:25 °C

Bibliography

Studier, F. W. 2005. Protein production by auto-induction in high-density shaking cultures. Protein expression and purification 41: 207-234.